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LATEST FROM THE SOUTH.

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—An advertisement of P. W. Royster, "Ordnance officer C. S. A." appears in the Memphis *Avalanche* of the 19th, and contains hints of value as to the policy of converting ordinary shot-guns and rifles into military guns.

—It has been a puzzle to many how Price, without governmental resources, has managed to subsist a considerable army in a country almost denuded. His system is not known in the "regulations." He never complains of a want of transportation, whether he is about to move ten miles or a hundred miles. He pays for what he takes in Missouri State scrip. His men go into the corn field, shuck the corn, shell it, take it to mill and bring it into camp, ground into meal. Or should they have no flour, they take the wheat from the stack, thresh it themselves, or with horses or oxen, and as with the corn, ask the aid of the miller to reduce it to flour. Such an army can go where they please in an agricultural country.

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IMPORTANT FROM NORFOLK.

The Rebels Preparing a Naval Expedition.

[Fort Monroe dispatch to N. Y. Times, 21st.]

At Norfolk an expedition on a large scale is being fitted out to proceed against Hatteras Inlet and retake what was captured from them by Commodore Stringham. The fleet will consist of eleven large side-wheel steamboats and propellers, and a number of ship's launches taken from the Norfolk Navy-yard. It is expected to rendezvous at Roanoke Island, and when joined by the gun-boats now fitting out at the Navy-yard and iron works at Norfolk, will at once proceed to the coast of North Carolina.

Commodore Lynch of Dead Sea exploration notoriety, now commands the rebel naval force infesting the waters of Virginia and North Carolina. The expedition against Hatteras Inlet is to be in command of Arthur Sinclair, late of the United States Navy, and a resident of Norfolk.

Fully eleven hundred men are now employed at the Norfolk Navy Yard, a large portion of them being engaged in riding old and new guns.

The mechanical direction of the yard is under the supervision of William P. Williamson, a resident of Norfolk, and for many years an engineer in the United States Navy. The practical working men of this department is an Englishman named Carr, and he has now a recent importation of a large number of his own countrymen with him, who are engaged in making projectiles and rifled guns after recent English patterns. When the yard was left by our forces, an immense quantity of timber was stored in the shed, not one-fourth of which has been removed from the wet or mud docks.

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THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

MASON AND SLIDELL.

Probabilities of their Release

RUMORS THAT THEY WERE TO LEAVE BOSTON TO-DAY.

Their Release to Settle a Point of International Law.

ENGLISH CLAMORS FOR A FIGHT.

Col. Corcoran Probably Escaped.

A GUARD FOR THE SAULT CANAL.

1,800 Guns Ordered for our Coast Fortifications.

INTERESTING FROM RICHMOND.

The Skirmish near Fort Monroe.

Gen. Price Badly Scared and on the Retreat South.

LEXINGTON IN OUR HANDS.

Extent of Damages on the North Missouri R. R.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 1861.

Among those who voted to lay on the table Mr. Wilson's resolution, instructing the House Committee on Military Affairs to report a bill for the enactment of an additional article of war, prohibiting army officers using force to return fugitive slaves, under penalty of dismissal from the service, were Dunn of Indiana, and Foulke and Logan of Illinois.

The Pensacola makes a formal trial trip tomorrow.

Among those who believe in a peaceful solution of the present difficulty with Great Britain, there is apprehension touching the future. A private letter received here indicates that the English people are almost insane in their wrath against the United States. Passion has overcome reason, and the excitement is unequalled since 1861, when the reform bill agitated the nation. The tone of the whole press organs is very bitter, and the lowest classes of society hound on the government to fight the United States. Prince Albert's death may, in the opinion of Englishmen here, exercise a great influence upon English politics. Some think Queen Victoria will, in her grief, abdicate.

The report that Lord Lyon's interview with Mr. Seward, yesterday, was stormy, is unfounded. They are on the best of terms, but his ear set exchanged no official communication.

Y. B. Corbett, publisher of the well-known map of the Potomac seat of war, was arrested in Gen. McCall's camp, to-day, as a spy. He is charged with having communicated with the enemy beyond the lines. He is, however, put by the Provost Marshal on parole till his trial.

The rebel war department refuses to accept officer's resignations except for physical disability. The militia law of Virginia is so altered as to subject to draft only those between twenty-one and thirty-one years old. The Virginia railroad Presidents recently convened to consider measures to promote the establishment of a rolling mill. Salt is very scarce in Richmond, and commands high prices. In the Virginia Legislature there was a debate on the lamentable deficiency of salt for army uses, the publication of which the *Examiner* thinks would comfort the Lincolnites. The *Enquirer* is indignant at Gov. for sending Floyd to Kentucky, thus leaving Western Virginia unprotected and railroad connection with Tennessee in jeopardy; and for paying forty per cent. for specie, sending it to make purchases in Europe, when specie is thus established by three witnesses. It remains to be seen what the defence will offer to rebut their remarkable disclosures.

The National Armory Question.

[Washington dispatch N. Y. Herald, 21st.]

Up to the present time there have been presented over fifty thousand different persons' names, as petitioners for the establishment of a National Armory at Chicago, Ill. Of these petitioners a majority are residents of New York, and represent, in themselves, over one hundred million dollars worth of property. The petitioners generally pray for the establishment at the point specified, are that the best iron for arms in the world can be got from Lake Superior, and the facilities for distribution, by the numerous lines of railroads centering there and running to all parts of the Northwest. The committee have the matter in charge will probably be loathe to be fixed by the House, and report a bill merely for such an establishment.

Execution of a Deserter.

[From the Cincinnati Gazette.]

Richard Gatewood, of the First Kentucky Regiment, suffered the extreme penalty of the law, for deserting, on Sunday last, at Lexington, Va., on the 20th inst. The court martial was held on the 20th of November, on Tompkins' farm. The execution took place in the presence of the First Second Kentucky Regiments, and Captain Finn's Cincinnati Dragoons. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 20th of this month, Gatewood was conveyed from the jail of Charleston in a wagon, sitting upon his coffin, accompanied by two chaplains. Arriving at the place of execution, the culprit was removed from the wagon; his coffin was placed upon the ground, and he was seated upon it. His eyes were bandaged by the Provost Marshal. Seven men of the Twelfth Regiment approached to within twenty yards of him and fired. Four of the bullets entered his breast, killing him instantly. Not a groan or a struggle was observed. His body was interred near Charleston.

☞ From the Toronto *Globe* of the 20th, we learn that two of the British soldiers belonging to the 100th, or Prince of Wales regiment, tried to desert from their posts at Toronto and join the Americans, and so far succeeded as to get about seven miles from land across the lake. They were pursued by the owner of the vessel they had taken to effect their escape, but not until after an exciting chase, when in consequence of the wind lulling, their sails became useless, and a discharge of duck shot fired from a gun wounding both the soldiers, prevented them from paing the oars.

☞ Instructions have been prepared at the General Land Office, directing the discontinuance, under the Act of December 21, 1858, of the Land Office at Vincennes, Indiana, and transfer of the archives, &c., to the office at Indianapolis, Ind., after the 20th of the present month. The undelivered patents remaining in the Vincennes office, will be delivered to the General Land office at Washington, for delivery when called for.

☞ Gen. Sumner, by being thrown from his horse recently, as before stated, was more injured than was at first supposed. He has been removed from camp quarters to Washington. It will be two or three weeks before he can possibly resume his duties. He has requested Gen. McClellan to temporarily release him from the command of his division. Gen. Howard, Senior Brigadier, will probably command the division during the absence of Gen. Sumner.

☞ The newspaper press, and now the grand jury, have made a combined assault upon the Broadway "pretty waiter girls concert saloons," in New York, and several have been indicted, several closed by the police, and several others abandoned for fear of the judicial wrath to come. The day of these concert rooms is passed—for the present.

☞ On the 21st, the Tenth regular Infantry and Sturgis Rifles, of Chicago, were detailed as Gen. McClellan's Body Guard.

FURTHER FROM EUROPE.

STEAMSHIP AMERICA AT NEW YORK

More Troops and Steamers for Canada

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The steamship America, from Liverpool via Halifax, arrived here this morning. Her news is almost entirely anticipated.

The steamship Adriatic and several other large steamers, at Southampton, were expected to be chartered by the British Government.

It was stated that the British Life Guards had volunteered for foreign service.

The Government was about to send a number of non-commissioned officers to drill the Canadian militia.

George L. Schuyler, Agent for the United States Government for the purchase of arms, in Europe, is a passenger by the America.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Consols opened at yesterday's prices but relapsed to 90¾ and reached to the opening price 90¾. Railway shares have been dull, but the absence of business, closed a shade better. Miscellaneous shares dull at previous rate.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The Bourse is heavy. Rentes closed at 69f 60c. Arrivals of American wheat and flour had been heavy at Liverpool, but small. Business doing and prices were in favor of buyers.

THE NORTH MISSOURI RAILROAD

Extent of the Damage Perpetrated—The Road useless for a Month.

WASHINGTON, Mo., Dec. 24.—The damage to the North Missouri Railroad may be summed up as follows: The bridges at Burgen, Centralia, Mexico, Edgewood and Warrenton are burned; also, one station house, and post office; twenty cars; from 50 to 60 culverts, large and small; three or four water stations; 10,000 ties; from 200 to 300 telegraph poles; 5 miles of iron and 10 miles of wire are rendered useless. Two trains, one having 8 car loads of hogs and several cars of hemp, and the other having two cars of merchandise, are in the possession of the rebels, and four engines are known to be missing, but they are yet encamped along the road, about 500 being at High Hill and other bodies at or near Martinsburg, Mexico, Centralia, Sturgeon and Allen. Captain Dunn's Missouri Sharp Shooters, a mile of the Birge Sharp Shooters, and destroyed a bridge and water station; and two freight trains were captured with four miles of the camp of a detachment of the same force. At Renick the work was directed by practical railroad men, and the right course to pursue was taken to make the destruction complete. Where the track was taken up the rails were removed. The ties were gathered in piles and set on fire, and the iron thrown across the piles, so that when the centre of the rails become heated the weight of the cold ends bent them out of shape, thereby more effectually destroying the bridges the fires were kindled around the corners, where they would sooner throw the bridge down; and the trussel girders, which are of wood, were also set on fire and burned with the ties to heat the rails, as were also the frames on which the water tanks stood. Already the bonds of railroad men and all Union men in the vicinity of the road, were surrounded and the inhabitants assured that no harm was intended them while they remained in doors.

We hear of scarcely any pillage or other outrage beyond the destruction of the road and telegraph line. The damage to the road cannot fall short of $300,000, and at least a month will be required to repair it so that a train can pass.

FURTHER DAMAGE—REPAIRS.

WARRINGTON, Mo., Dec. 24.—By arrivals from Mexico we learn that the bridge over Salt river, which is the longest and most costly on the road, and the one the burning of which the rebels spared on Friday night, was entirely destroyed on Sunday night. The station house at Jacksonville was also burned, together with 6 or 7 cars.

The repairs progress rapidly here. The bridge is repaired, and the culverts between here and Jacksonville and the track will be replaced so as to be laid to-morrow, if the men are not interrupted, and the repairs of the telegraph line keep pace with the road.

FROM NEW MEXICO.

Territorial Legislature in Session—Message of Gov. Connelly.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Santa Fe mail with dates to the 9th inst., has arrived. The Territorial Legislature met on the 2d, and on the 4th Gov. Connelly sent in his annual message to the joint session of both Houses. The Governor recommends all Indian tribes to be placed on the reservation under very strict regulation as the only way to prevent the constant recurrence of troubles with them. He advises a thorough revision of all territorial laws, and says many of the provisions of the law for the protection of slave property in New Mexico are unnecessarily severe and rigorous, and recommends that they be modified or repealed. In relation to the national strife, he says:

I am pressed to say that my loyal political fellow-citizens of New Mexico have manifully responded to their country's call, and contributed more than a fair proportion of blood to the Union cause. This is the more flattering from the fact that when the war began, and sometime after it had been in progress, it was presumed by the principal movers of the scheme that our territory would join them. In their attempts to pull down the pillars of free government, and replace with them in the midst of the nations the foul abomination of human bondage. This patriotic outpouring of men has removed from the minds of our countrymen in the loyal States, in reference to the position we occupy in connection with the war, every offensive demonstration to our beloved institutions, which the evil disposed may have been led to fear in this manner shown; and be it for weal or for woe, this is the position she will occupy to the end.

"An Indian force still remains about Fort Fillmore, but they have not ventured to come north of the Jornada del Muerto. They, however, to say that our army now in the field supply sufficient force for the protection of our people north of that district but to expel the invaders from our limits. This will be done as soon as the organization and equipment of the regulated at Fort Craig, in quantities sufficient to cover the wants of the army destined for operations in that quarter. The military commander has made some new and judicious distributions of the troops which remain for the protection of our frontier during the absence of the forces employed in the south, and the country is not left unprotected into the hands of the enemies of our Government."

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The President has approved and signed the bill to further promote the efficiency of the navy.

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Lord Lyons, who some days ago seemed to be in doubt whether he should call, has formally renewed his previous invitations for Christmas.

A Cabinet meeting is to be held to-morrow, at which, it is thought, the case will be thoroughly discussed.

Intelligence was received here to-day that Gen. Kelly was at Hancock, and about to move toward Winchester by way of Martinsburg, driving the rebels from that section of the State as he proceeded, and re-opening the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as soon as practicable.

Money has gone to Kansas to pay the arrears due the troops raised there to whip Missouri rebels. $250,000 is the sum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Senate has confirmed the following appointments of the President: Robert Hafey, of California, Consul at Mehamilla; Wm. Pinckney, of Ill., Governor of Washington Territory; Geo. N. Mills, Receiver at Dalles City, Oregon; Robert B. Mills, James B. Mills, Receiver at Otter Tail City; A. Whittlesey, Receiver at Bayfield, Wis.; Robert B. McDougal, Register at Springfield, Illinois.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Attorney General has respectfully declined to give to the Senate his opinion on a private claim, alleging precedent as well as want of power as a justification for non-compliance with the request.

James H. Lane, of Kansas, has been confirmed as a Brigadier-General of volunteers.

From the South.

CAIRO, Dec. 24, 24 M.—Two British subjects, with passports from the British Consul at New Orleans, and two Northern men from Memphis, arrived here last night from Columbus, and were arrested as spies, and locked up.

They report great activity at Columbus. They say a floating battery, with thirteen guns, is anchored in the river at Columbus; also three gunboats.

Hollin's steam ram Manassas has certainly gone to New Orleans.

They say there is a strong Union feeling in Memphis, but it is suppressed.

The gun-boats at Mound City are ready to receive their armament.

U. S. Marshal Phillips, has two men arrested, who will be taken to Fort Warren, Boston, to-morrow. Particulars unknown.

A rebel prisoner named Lee, from Missouri, above Belmont, has just been brought in.

Ferry Boats for Port Royal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Arrangements have been made by which two first-class ferry boats, belonging to the Hoboken Ferry, will be transferred to the Government. They will proceed immediately to Beaufort, to be used in conveying freight and munitions of war from various transports that may arrive from the North, to the troops stationed at Beaufort.

Gen. Pope's Prisoners at St. Louis—Their Quarters.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—About 1000 of the rebel prisoners taken by Gen. Pope arrived here late last night, and were allowed to remain in the cars until this morning when they were escorted by their captors, under Col. Davis, to Dr. McDowell's Medical College, where they were quartered for the present.

Death of Hon. Solomon G. Haven.

BUFFALO, Dec. 24.—Hon. Solomon G. Haven, formerly Member of Congress, died this morning.

FROM CAIRO.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, December 24, 1861.

A gentleman just from New Orleans, states that the city is strongly fortified and will be hard to take. They have but a few gun boats, and even these are poorly protected. He says they have not been molested. Again, British subjects in New Orleans are not molested, but they do not pay respect to any other Nationality, impressing all they can. He says they exult over the prospect of a fight with England.

Five tug boats arrived here from St. Louis to-day, for mortar boat service. One of the new gun boats, built at Mound City, arrived to-day.

Our scouts captured a rebel by the name of Lee, near Belmont, charged with carrying news to the enemy.

Two prisoners will be sent to Fort Lafayette from here, to-morrow.

FROM NORTH MISSOURI.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

QUINCY, Ill., December 24, 1861.

Col. Bishop, of the North Missouri cavalry regiment, marched out from Macon City, yesterday, with about 120 men, and succeeded in surprising a band of nearly 400 rebels, capturing 13 prisoners, 30 horses, and putting the balance to flight. He also killed ten of the rebels and wounded a number more. This is the substance of a dispatch sent by Col. Bishop to Gen. Prentiss to-day.

The troubles on the North Missouri Railroad are reported to-night to be still continued. An important bridge, name not given, is reported burned; and a great extent of track torn up.

Ten inches of snow fell here on Saturday night and yesterday.

MASON AND SLIDELL.

Reports that they are to be Given up.

ALLEGED REASONING OF SEWARD

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The *Express* states a rumor this afternoon, that in an interview which Lord Lyon held with Mr. Seward, the latter read to him a letter that he had written to Minister Adams, two days ago, in which he said that if the British Government claimed Mason and Slidell upon the ground of illegal capture, as contrary to the law of nations, and would consider the surrender as settling the principles for both Governments, they would be given up.

PREMATURE REPORT OF THEIR DEPARTURE FROM BOSTON TO-DAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The report is quite current in the street, this morning, that Mason and Slidell are to be restored to liberty and sent forward to England to-morrow by the Europa. The sources from which this information is derived are stated to be official, with some confirmation from those who are supposed to have unusual facilities for early information from English connections; though the report may be proved unfounded.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Nothing is known in Boston in regard to Mason and Slidell's leaving in the Europa to-morrow, and the rumor to that effect is doubtless unfounded.

ESCAPE OF COL. CORCORAN.

Statement of Lieut Hurd, who has come North.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The *Times* publishes an interesting statement made by Lieut. Hurd, of the 2d Maine regiment, who was wounded and taken prisoner at Bull Run, and has recently been released. He, together with Col. Corcoran and some 800 others, was confined in the Charleston jail at the time of the great conflagration there, and they only escaped from the jail, which was burnt, by leaping from a window, no effort being made to seize them by the Charlestonians. Col. Corcoran, Lieutenant Hurd believes, escaped during the confusion, as he expressed his determination to try to reach Beaufort or the North, and has not since been heard from. According to Lieut. Hurd's representation, the national prisoners now in the South are treated in the most brutal and unjustifiable manner.

GEN. PRICE BADLY SCARED.

His Retreat of an Army Make a Hasty Retreat South.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 24.—A gentleman who has been with the rebel army several weeks, arrived here to-day. He reports that on Thursday last Gen. Price's campat Osceola was thrown into confusion by the news that the Federals were upon them. They beat a hasty retreat, and when last heard from were at Humansville, going south.

FROM THE UPPER POTOMAC.

Strength of the Enemy—Our Pickets Extend to Hancock and Cumberland.

WILLIAMSPORT, Md., Dec. 24.—The rebel force threatening this point probably does not exceed 7,000 men, with four pieces of artillery. Intelligence received yesterday from the other side of the river shows that the rebel commander, being foiled in all his attempts, has withdrawn his entire force towards Martinsburg, leaving three or four companies as pickets.

The 39th Illinois regiment having received arms is now at Hancock. Gen. Kelly's advance guard extends to that place, besides guarding the railroad all the way from Cumberland.

J. B. Wharton, a relation of ex-Senator Mason, residing at Clear Springs, is under arrest for attempting to bribe a picket to carry a dispatch to the other side.

LEXINGTON CLEAR OF REBELS.

Our Troops Visit Lexington, Mo., and Drive the Rebels Out—The Place in our Possession.

OTTERVILLE, Mo., Dec. 24.—The cavalry which Gen. Pope sent to Lexington have returned. In addition to the two ferry boats and the rebel foundry which they burned, and the rebel officers and privates captured, (previously reported,) they killed the notorious Arkansas Robinson and drove every band of rebels from the country for miles on either side of the route. They report the country quite clear of the rebels.

The Recess of Congress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The *Commercial's* Washington special says it is not expected that Congress will transact any further business until after New Year's.

The Mexican Treaty is before the Senate Committee, but will not be reported upon until after the holidays.

In the Senate to-day, Mr. Grimes offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire into the manner in which war vessels had been fitted out. He had heard rumors of great extravagance at the Navy Yard in this respect. Agreed to.

Several petitions were presented, praying for the emancipation of the slaves of the rebels without compensation—those of the loyal citizens with compensation.

The Senate went into Executive session, and on opening the doors adjourned till Thursday

A spy attached to Gen. McCall's division counted one hundred and sixty graves of rebels who fell in the late fight and were buried by citizens of Dranesville.

Lieut.-Col. Windham, of the Sardinian army, distinguished in Garibaldi's campaign, having offered his services, has been made a Major of a Wisconsin regiment.

It is understood that Lord Lyons postpones official communications at the request of Mr. Seward, whose advices from England are not so late as those of His Lordship. The feeling between the two was never more friendly.

The soldiers in all the camps are making Christmas decorations.

The three largest foundries in the country, the Pittsburgh, Algers' of Boston, and West Point—have been ordered to manufacture within the next twelve months all the ten-inch columbiads they can. It is estimated that as many as eighteen hundred guns have been ordered for forts from Monroe to Portland.

Three hundred and thirty-nine thousand dollars have gone to Kansas to pay off her troops. All of Fremont's officers actually in the service will be paid.

FROM ST. LOUIS.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

ST. LOUIS, December 24, 1861.

The prisoners from Sedalia were all safely housed to-day in McDowall's College, under an escort of 25th Indiana and the Iowa 24. There are about 1,050 of them, according to a count made while they were detained in Tipton, yesterday. The Indiana boys return to Sedalia to-morrow; the Iowa 24 doing guard duty.

Merrill's cavalry and two companies of Col. Eads's Missouri cavalry have destroyed the ferry boats and foundry at Lexington.

By the Pacific train we hear of the return of two companies of the First Missouri cavalry to Tipton from an expedition to Sedalia and Lafayette counties. They brought no prisoners, but it is believ

The Tribune.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1861.

IN WINTER QUARTERS.

It is stated upon authority to which we give implicit credit that if a forward movement on the Potomac were ordered to-morrow, ten days would necessarily elapse before the columns could be made fit to march! *After more than five months under our leaders, wielding the immense resources of this great nation, the army is not ready.* Has Congress nothing to say, or is this Republic given up to quick destruction?

WHY NOT ARBITRATE?

We notice that a few of the less important of the Eastern journals assume that in our difficulty with Great Britain, the mediation of a third or friendly power is not to be tolerated or thought of. That, we trust, is not the sentiment of any considerable number of our people, nor of the Government at Washington. At any rate, it is not the opinion of the West. Hereaway our people will insist that, if the case is submitted to arbitration, it shall be decided according to the law which the English courts have made, and the precedents which the English Government has established! Either this, or an agreement to submit the fact of the seizure of the rebel ambassadors, together with the international maritime code, to a Congress of the maritime powers, to deal with all as they please, would be satisfactory to the West, as far as we know or can judge of its wishes in the matter.

THE TEMPER OF OUR PEOPLE.

The moderation and patriotism of the people of the North were never more beautifully displayed than in the discussions now going on in relation to the endeavor of Great Britain to force our country into a war. Fully assured of the lawfulness and necessity of the act which has thrown England into a ferment; profoundly influenced with the magnitude of the consequences which foreign hostilities would entail; sincerely desirous of peace and the preservation of the national honor, all passion which does not have its root in patriotism seems to be hushed and still, and in the place of defiance and bravado, we have a cool determination to brave everything, risk everything, lose everything, rather than submit to outrage and wrong. And this feeling is universal. Boston, New York and Philadelphia—places in which property is exposed to direct attack, and in which the interruption of our foreign commerce would be incalculably injurious to private interests—cherish this determination with as much sincerity as Chicago, which is in no danger from the efforts of the foe. The man of business shares it with the man of pleasure, and the man of wealth with him who has everything to gain and nothing to lose by such a convulsion as that which seems to impend. The feeling, expressed in action and words, is this: Let us do all that honor and self-respect demand for the satisfaction of the Power that we have offended. If that does not suffice, we accept the alternative and commit our cause to God! This is the spirit which will not be conquered though the world should march against us in arms; and if it can be infused into our Government, whether peace remains intact or a new war breaks out, we need have no fear that we shall be compelled to blush by reason of the negotiations of our ambassadors, nor for the disgraces of our forces on land or at sea!

SHALL WE HAVE A POLICY?

It is an established rule in all judicial tribunals that no litigation can be had and determined by a court or jury until an issue, so called, is fairly made up. There must be not only a complaint or cause of action set forth by the plaintiff on the one side, but the defendant or opposite party must answer it, and in answering meet the very points presented, before a trial can be had. It will not do to dodge or avoid the question, if properly and fairly presented on the other side; but at some period or other, earlier or later in the history of the particular case, the whole controversy between the parties is reduced to a single issue, and then and not before, is the case ready for a hearing on the merits. How is it in the present great contest between the rebels and the Government?

We assert that the issue tendered by the South has not been met. On the part of the rebels, the war is waged in defence of an institution. It is carried on for the purpose of making the institution of slavery dominant in the nation, both as a financial power and a political agency. We know that this is denied by some pro-slavery men among us. But look at the facts. Has the South ever complained of our *form* of government? On the contrary, she has modeled her own rebel government on the same pattern. They have their Presidents and Secretaries, their Senate and House of Representatives, their Governors and State Legislatures, all the same as before the rebellion. In no important particular is there with them any distinction between the new and the old, except in relation to the institution of slavery. The paramount object with them is not, then, to change the government—if it were, they would not fashion another exactly like it—but it is to make the great, controlling, overshadowing interest under the government, the institution of slavery. They say boldly that we shall no longer have a united nation unless slavery is made national. Here at the North we obstinately refuse to meet the question they presented. We raise armies and equip fleets to fight them, but protest all the time that upon the great question of slavery we are ready to accede to all their demands. The Southern man fights for his divine institution. The Northern man fights for a government in which that institution is to be the chief corner stone. The conservatism of the South is effective only in support of slavery. The conservatism of the North seeks to embrace both slavery and the Union. It ignores the experience of the past and the stern reality of the present by those seeking to harmonize most discordant principles. The conservatism of the South has plunged the country into war. That of the North insists upon prolonging the war, to subserve the very interest that brought it upon us. In either section, conservatism is but a synonym for treason. If we prefer slavery to the Union, why expend so much treasure, and sacrifice so much life in fighting the rebels? If we prefer the Union to slavery, why hesitate to sustain the one by crushing the other? In other words, why not meet the issue tendered us by the South? Let us do that or confess judgment. Such litigation as we are carrying on with the South does not pay. It does and pay to expend $500,000,000, and sacrifice some scores of thousands of lives, without deciding something.

It is the war the advantages of earnestness and candor and bold manly assertion of the principles involved, are all with the South. She has thrown down the gage in behalf of slavery and we have declined to take it up. We are fighting, it is true, *but without a policy*—or rather with different and antagonistic policies according to the peculiar notions of our Generals in command. Is this the part of wisdom and statesmanship? Why not take war upon that which is making war upon the Union? Why seek in waging war to defend and preserve that which alone has brought the war upon us? We do not claim to be prophets, yet we can see clearly that this war must terminate in the overthrow of the Union or the overthrow of slavery. Conservatism with all its strength cannot save both. It has labored for sixty years to preserve southern rights, as it terms the object of its worship, until it is suddenly confronted with a civil war and a national debt of a thousand millions—and all for slavery. Expensive, luxurious conservatism we can no longer afford it! We believe that the people are ready for the question. They are ready to fight on the issue presented by the rebels. But the Government has not spoken. The atmosphere at Washington is full of deadly enervating influences. Slavery has so long held undisputed sway there that it is hard to disturb it. With the almighty dollar for its prime minister, it lords it even over the men who compose the present Administration. The patriotic heart of the President cowers before it. The Cabinet is dumb in its presence. But we have faith that a brighter day will come. Right and justice must triumph. The absurdity of our position is every day manifesting itself. We have got to speak out on the question of slavery. The Government at Washington will be forced into a policy. Woe to those who take upon themselves the responsibility if that policy does not accord with the dictates of patriotism and humanity!

LORD LYON'S ULTIMATUM.

It was stated yesterday in our special dispatch from Washington that Lord Lyons would not make any peremptory demand on our Government for the release of Mason and Slidell, until he had heard again from home. Perhaps the reason of his reticence may be found in the following from the New York *Evening Post:*

> We should not be surprised if it should turn out that Mr. Seward had already anticipated the hellish cose outbreak which the action of the Trent was likely to cause in England, and sent to Mr. Adams such explanations of it, at the time of the occurrence, as will prevent Lord Lyons from delivering any peremptory message until he shall again hear from home. At least such is our conjecture.

And such is ours.

An Embargo Upon Ship Timber.

The promptness of Great Britain in forbidding upon the first alarm of war, the exportation of arms and the constituents of gunpowder, presents an example which it is advisable to imitate in this country. We are informed that the purchase of ship timber in the United States for the British Admiralty have been so heavy as to nearly clear the market, and vast quantities are actually stored, awaiting transportation. Owing to the war, the supplies of live oak timber, which came from the South, have been cut off. The Virginia sources have also been practically closed, and at this moment, when Congress is about to urge the most energetic measures for doubling the navy, it is almost impossible for the American shipbuilder to find material for a single vessel. To stop this exhaustion of strength for the benefit of a foreign, and possibly a hostile power, it will not be the dictate of a retaliatory policy, but of a policy which looks to the safety of our own people before that of the stranger. The Government cannot act in the matter too early.

Wisconsin Regiments.

The 14th Wisconsin Regiment, Col. Wood, is now full and nearly ready. The 16th, Col. Allen, is also full. The other regiments remaining in camp, in the State, are the 9th, (German,) Col. Salomon; the 13th, Col. Mahoney; the 15th, (Scandinavian,) Col. Hog; the 17th, (Irish,) Col. Doran; and the 18th, Col. Alban. Governor Randall has decided to organize still another regiment, the 19th Col. H. T. Sanders.

Sickness in a Regiment.

We have made frequent allusions to the alarming extent of sickness in our camps, particularly on the Potomac, where the men have been doomed to a life of idleness, with unsuitable quarters. The 109th Pennsylvania regiment, Col. McKnight, has been more fortunate than many others, and yet its sick list shows the following total: Typhoid fever, 40; catarrh, 109; diarrhœa, 10; measles, 13; pneumonia, 7; rheumatism, 5; bronchitis, 3; dyspepsia, 2; spasms, 3; sprains, 3; dislocation, 1—total, 198.

Mustering in Minors.

The State courts differ widely in their construction of the law relative to the enlistment of minors in the service of the United States. Ohio and some other States hold that minors who have been mustered in, even though they had not the consent of their parents or guardians, must be held. In Wisconsin, however, the contrary decision has just been rendered by a commissioner of the court, in the case of a minor who had enlisted in the 9th (German) regiment at Milwaukee.

Mrs. Hartung Again Arrested.

There seems to be no end to the Hartung case, at Albany. The woman has now been for a second trial for the murder of her husband for three years, once or twice being convicted, and last of all, a week since, released by order of court. She has now again been arrested, on a bench warrant, and her counsel will move for a writ of *habeas corpus.*

DESPERATE AFFRAY.—A desperate affray occurred at Shawneetown, in this State, on the 17th inst., between William Forester, a noted character for his quarrelsome and ruffianly disposition, and Mr. Mason, a silversmith. They had some trivial quarrel, when they drew revolvers, both firing at the same instant. Two balls from Forester's pistol took effect upon the person of Mason, and one from Mason hitting Forester in the arm, and another grazing his head. Mason then closed in with Forester, and with a knife killed him almost instantly. Mason is in a critical condition, and there is doubt of his recovery.

VETOED IT.—Gov. Magoffin has vetoed the bill recently passed by the Kentucky Legislature, intended to prevent the mother bank of the Southern Commercial Bank from ordering the loyal branches to pass large sums to the credit of the secession institution in foreign banks. The Senate attempted, after a full discussion, to pass the bill over the Governor's veto, but failed by two votes—Senators Read and Marshall voting with the brace of secessionists. Another attempt will probably be made to pass the bill when the Senate is full.

☞ Ex-Governor Hunt, of New York, came very near bleeding to death a few days since from the extracting of a tooth. After the tooth had been extracted, he started from his home at Lockport for New York City, and it bled the whole distance. When he reached New York a physician was called, and it was some hours before the effusion of blood could be stopped. He was reduced by the loss of blood to a dangerous condition, but is now convalescent.

GEN. SHOEPFF.—Hon. Joseph Holt spoils the pretty little romance recently related of Gen. Shoepff, of his being a hotel porter, &c. He writes a letter to the Cincinnati *Gazette*, and says Gen. S. is a Hungarian and a graduate of a military school at Vienna. On coming to this country he was employed in the office of the United States Coast Survey, and it was there that Mr. Holt found him and discovered his military qualifications.

☞ Lieutenant Colonel Bushnell, of the Lincoln Cavalry, is now on trial at Washington, before an investigating committee, for treason. Information was lodged some months ago, but was disregarded for insufficiency; further information rendered a trial imperative, which may involve others. He was arrested on Wednesday last, and confined in the city jail.

NAVAL DEPOT IN MICHIGAN.—The Grand Haven *News* says that the Rev. William Ferry, of Grand Haven, has received information that the establishment of a Lake Naval Depot and Navy Yard has been decided upon, and that the location would very soon be made. He has gone to Washington to advance, as far as may be, the interests of Grand Haven.

☞ The New York *Evening Post* of Saturday announces that $350,000 in coin went abroad on that day, by the Hansa. This amount, it says, has not been withdrawn from banks, but had been lying for some time on special deposit, and as there is now no other disposition for it, it is sent abroad.

☞ Among the latest Brigadier Generals appointed is William H. Keim of Pennsylvania, who resigned the office of Surveyor-General of the State to take the commission. Gen. Keim will be remembered as the Congressman of the Reading District after Glancy Jones was defeated. He will make a good officer.

THE SUICIDE OF ALICE B. HIGGINS.—The suicide of Miss Higgins, at Auburn, New York, was the result of being discarded by E. M. Fitch, to whom she was engaged to be married. She committed the fatal act by taking strychnine a few minutes after her interview with Fitch.

☞ There is a continual stream of soldiers passing through Philadelphia for the seat of war, but they are now in squads of from twenty to one hundred and fifty, to make good the waste of regiments in the service. The movement is probably not less than 1,200 or 1,500 men a week.

☞ The Fort Warren prisoners, when they leave hospitable Boston for their Southern home, may say, as did Alcibiades, when he left Athens: "How shall I be able to bear my exile from a city in which I leave behind me *friends* more generous than it is possible to find *friends* in any other!"

☞ The steam flour and saw mills of W. F. McMillen, at South Charleston, Ohio, were burned on the night of the 20th inst., with four thousand bushels of wheat, etc. Loss $12,000, insurance $10,000.

GEN. HUNTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Affairs in the Kansas Department—Hunter and Denver—Distribution of the Forces—Jennison's Regiment—Brigade for New Mexico—Colonels Graham and Lowman—Hopeless Collapse of Rebeldom—Burning of Platte City—Indian movements in the Southwest—Removal Appointment of Lane.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

CAMP HUNTER, KANSAS, Dec. 21, 1861.

From the commencement of our National difficulties until the present time, military measures and movements have been all the rage in Kansas; and yet notwithstanding the interest manifested in this respect, there has been that want of concert and harmony in affairs of a military character, that has in a measure destroyed the efficiency of our own forces, and worked to the injury and disadvantage of many of our best soldiers. The greatest of inconveniences have originated from a want of loyalty in the original organization of regiments, which renders it very difficult for the troops constituting them to draw pay for the service they have faithfully endured in behalf of the Government. But the formation of a new department, and the untiring efforts of Generals Hunter and Denver, are bringing order out of chaos, and establishing that confidence in military affairs seldom experienced heretofore. Recently Gen. Denver has been given the entire command of the Kansas forces, and the disciplinary measures instituted by him in various departments of service daily will result in general satisfaction. Towns noted for the frequent robberies, outrages and murders, almost nightly perpetrated within their corporation limits, have under the influence of the establishment of martial law, become orderly and quiet. The policy of Gen. Hunter with the rebels has been the more stringent and unsparing that was expected; and has given universal satisfaction, even to the rebel-loving people of Kansas.

Gen. Denver, at this time, is at Fort Scott, near the Southern border of the State, reorganizing and consolidating the various fragmentary regiments located at that place. This consolidating process, rendered necessary by the late order from the War Department, is generating great dissatisfaction amongst the field and staff officers in this Department, as but very few regiments were filled to even the minimum number, whilst many numbered but one and two hundred men each.

Col. Jamison's regiment has been ordered to West Point, Mo., and as two others have been ordered to join him at that place, it is not unreasonable to suppose that a process of cleaning out the rebels in Jamison's own peculiar style, will at once be instituted in that section of the country. The fact that Hunter with his strict adherence to the requisitions of military law, has excluded the ballots of Jamison's action by placing him in command of three regiments instead of one, is commendatory, of not only the Governor's ability, but his mode of conducting the war.

The brigade for service in New Mexico is now being completed, and will be fully prepared by spring to start across the plains to the field of its subsequent labors. The force assigned to this service consists of two regiments, each of which will contain a cavalry and artillery company. The first of these regiments is under the command of Col. R. H. Graham, from your own State. Col. G. entered the service as a captain, was subsequently promoted to the position of Lieutenant-Colonel, and lastly to the Colonelcy of the regiment which he now belongs. The second regiment for New Mexico will be commanded by Col. Lowman, of Lawrence, Kansas, whose stability and decision of character none can deny. These forces are now quartered at Camp Hunter, near Fort Leavenworth, where they will remain until fully completed and ready to take up their line of march westward, which will be some time near the latter part of next April. The special and novel character of this department of the service renders it more attractive than any other. The expedition will be commanded by Col. Graham, who will be the ranking officer of the brigade, which, taken in connection with the equipments, as well as the romantic field of operations, renders the camp of this brigade the home of the adventurous spirit, as well as the lovers of romance. Col. Graham's cousin, H. C. Ford, who has been traveling in Europe for several years past, perfecting himself in the art of which he is now master, will accompany the brigade through its various movements, and, supply the Eastern pictorial journals with true sketches of the various landscape to your God, to your scenes beheld and experienced during the campaign, as well as furnish all the drawings necessary to embellish a history of the expedition, for which arrangements to that effect are now being made. The foregoing features, taken in combination, constitute attractions unprecedented in the history of warfare.

The vast number of contrabands arriving daily at the various border towns within this State, is exciting considerable interest in the Haytian Colonization enterprise. It is proposed to establish a contraband line of transportation from here to some railroad point in Iowa, and there by railroad and your—the destiny of they will be taken charge of by the general agent of the Haytian Emigration Society, who has authority from the government of Hayti to furnish transports for one hundred thousand emigrants from any point east of your city to Hayti. How efficient this movement may prove, I am not able to say; but that something should be done for the comfort and welfare of the refugee slaves arriving here from time to time, is a matter beyond dispute.

Information was received here yesterday of the burning of Platte City, Missouri. It is reported that it was burned by its inhabitants, because occupied by Federal troops; but how true this report may prove, time alone can determine. This town has been the headquarters of the rebel sympathizers in the settlement of the troubles, and few here regret its destruction, whether wrought by friend or foe.

Those tribes of Indians taking sides with the rebels, in connection with a large body of Texans, are making active preparations for a destructive descent upon the loyal settlements, and preparations are being made to suppress this movement by arming the loyal tribes, and arraying them against their rebel brothers and Texan allies.

Telegrams have reached here from Washington announcing the appointment of Jim Lane as a Brigadier General.

J. W. S.

FROM NEVADA.

Its Gold, Silver and other Resources.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

VIRGINIA CITY, Nevada Territory, November 24, 1861.

People hear of and talk about Washoe as being a country rich in mineral deposits. But very few think of the extent of country over which these mineral deposits extend. In speaking of Washoe, they only associate with the name a few square miles of rough, mountainous country, little thinking they extend over a large portion of Nevada Territory.

It is true, over a portion of the country, or mining region, has been longer known, and the mines better developed, than others. Here, in the District of Virginia, are some dozens of mines opened, and return a handsome income to their owners; and there are hundreds of others inviting the enterprise and capital to develop them; and when once opened, they too will be a source of wealth that will richly reward the industry and enterprise that develop them.

There is the district of Silver City—which comprises some as rich mines as the Territory affords—situated about five miles south of Virginia. Silver City, the center of this district, is a flourishing town of about one thousand inhabitants. Between Virginia and Silver City lies the thrifty town and rich mining district of Gold Hill. Here is directed thousands of dollars of the capital brought into the territory; the mines being mostly of gold quartz, more quickly reward any investment.

Down the side of the mountain to the east of us four or five miles, is Flowery mining district, and here, as well as in the other districts already mentioned, are a number of steam quartz mills. The greatest draw-back to mills in these districts is the scarcity of wood, which has to be brought by teams a distance of ten or twelve miles. Yet, unlike the history of quartz milling in California, a man has but to erect a good mill, and he realizes a speedy fortune. Carson river, a few miles farther to the east, furnishes a splendid water power, which is appreciated, and is to be fully improved. Every foot of ground along the river has been claimed as mill sites, and there are now in operation and being erected about fifty water mills.

Dayton (formerly Chinatown) is situated on the river, and is bound to be a fine town from the fact of its being the center around which water mills are being erected. The citizens of Dayton labored hard to induce the Legislature to locate the capital of the territory at that point. But Carson's hold the preference, and I believe that it is permanently located there.

About twenty miles southeast of Virginia is the district of Pahute, claimed by those interested there, to be a rich mining district, and here, within a few weeks, have been discovered extensive deposits of coal, which will be of great value.

About one hundred miles to the southeast is Esmaralda. This, as a mining region, is just becoming known to fame, and flourishing towns are springing up within the neighborhood of the best mines. The largest town in that region is the town of Aurora.

Humboldt, about one hundred and fifty miles northeast from here, the knowing ones begin to look upon as another rich district, and the name of Humboldt is now associated with rich strikes and immense fortunes. But the distance which all machinery and provisions have to be transported is a great drawback upon that country.

Some twenty miles northwest is the Red Bluff mining district, where there are some very rich mines, and having the advantage of excellent water power, on the Truckee river, it is destined to be of some importance.

Dayton, fifteen miles west of here, already boasts a number of mills, and a thriving village. One hundred quartz mills are in operation or being erected, and of the amount of bullion that is daily turned out, I will not give a conjecture. So much for the mineral resources of Nevada.

You will notice I have made Virginia the centre of all this extensive mining country, and in my way it will be, it being the metropolis and the highest city or town in the Territory. It is said Virginia is the largest city of its altitude (with one exception) in the known world, and it now boasts all the improvements of modern cities. During the summer past improvements have been progressing rapidly, and I think there is now another inland town in America (Chicago perhaps, excepted, and that has the advantage of being an inland port), that has sprung as rapidly into importance as Virginia. The first Territorial Legislature which has been in session at Carson City for the last sixty days, adjourns to-day. What laws they have enacted for the benefit of the Territory it is at present hard to tell, but that they have not been idle we know.

I learn that Governor Nye has been suffering for several days past from a severe attack of rheumatism. For the last day or two he has been confined to his bed, scarcely able to move. He continues, however, to examine the numerous bills now coming before him for his signature with great care, and to discharge his other official duties, notwithstanding his painful malady.

BEAU.

Gen. James H. Lane.

As our readers are already informed, Gen. Lane, of Kansas, has been nominated to the Senate, and, unanimously confirmed, as Brigadier General, to command Kansas troops; the express understanding being that Gen. Lane's seat in the Senate shall not be vacated until he accepts his new commission, which he will not do until the Legislature of Kansas assembles, next month. He has no idea of doing anything that shall oblige Gov. Robinson and his appointee (Stanton), who has been in waiting for several months to take the place. The appointment of Gen. Lane to military command was due to him and to his State, not less than to the cause he has served so well. The news made all Kansas feel happy. The Leavenworth *Conservative* of the 19th says:

"The hearts of the people of Kansas will throb with joyous emotion as they read our special dispatches this morning. The Evening Star of Kansas and the Nation, the man who has conducted the most successful campaign of any loyal General, the man whose watchword is Patience and Action, our own General Lane, whom the vilest demagogues undertook to drive from his seat in the Senate while he was serving without pay in the field, has been unabated by the Administration and made Major General of the Department of Kansas.

"As Kansas read the glad intelligence they will re-echo the words of our dispatch, and on every hill-side the shout will go up, 'Glory to God!'"

Troubles in the 18th Illinois.

It is none of our business, but Egypt is quite disgusted with certain conduct of Michael K. Lawler, of the 18th regiment, at Cairo, and demands his resignation on the alternative of a disorganized command. The Carbondale *Times* and a correspondent of the Cairo *Gazette* take up the cudgels against him in labored articles. As we understand it, Col. Lawler forced his election originally under false pretences; offended the regiment by appointing John Olney Quartermaster; also by the appointing of a Catholic priest to be chaplain, while not one in ten or a hundred were Catholics; got his Lieutenant Colonel and Major into a scrape and caused their removal; arbitrarily appointed his son-in-law Captain over a company who had not chosen him; and appointed another stranger Captain over a company who had rejected him. The Carbondale *Times* says:

The Colonel has lost the respect of his men, whose comforts, wants and wishes he in return despises. His numerous arbitrary acts have won him the hate of all, and his most common appellation among his command is "Old Turk of Gotta." Serious charges have been preferred against him, but the cars of justice appear closed, for as yet no attention has been paid to the charges.

Young Methodism.

We learn from the New York *Evening Post*, of Saturday, a fact which will be of peculiar interest to the Methodists of the West, inasmuch as it is a culmination of a feeling which has been shared by a few members of almost every Methodist congregation in the country. The *Post* says:

The first service of the "Conference of the Independent Methodist Churches in the United States" was held in the St. John's Methodist Church in this city on Wednesday and Thursday last. About twenty delegates, lay and clerical, were in attendance, representing Independent Methodist Churches in different parts of the country, Rev. M. Staple, of Brooklyn, was chosen President; Rev. H. Mattison, of New York, Secretary, and James M. Coburn, of New York, Treasurer. Two young men were ordained to the ministry, and arrangements were made for starting a periodical to be called the *Methodist Independent*, to be edited by Professor Mattison. The peculiarities of this sect are that, while they adhere to Methodist doctrine and mode of worship, they have no "Bishops" or "Presiding Elders"; the churches are independent of the Conference, own their church property, choose their own pastors, and retain them as long as they please; and the Conference, composed of ministers and lay delegates, has no legislative, executive or judicial authority over the local churches beyond that of mere advice and recommendation. The Articles of Faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church were adopted by the Conference, and recommended to the local churches as a doctrinal platform, and a carefully prepared plan of union or constitution was adopted and subscribed by all the delegates present.

The Illinois Military Establishment.

In view of the fact that after the 1st of January the General Government assumes the organization of volunteers in the several States, beginning where the State authorities leave off, the Springfield *Register* argues that there is no need for the further maintenance of our expensive State military machinery, and says:

At the late special session $2,560,000 was appropriated for military purposes. Up to this present time about three millions of military accounts have been filed with the auditor of public accounts, and over one hundred thousand more are on file with the auditing commission for allowance. On the amount paid by the State the Government has refunded $1,400,000, and, probably, will promptly liquidate the balance, but it is questionable whether further large expenditures by the State will be admitted when the Federal authorities send their officers out to perform the duty of supplying our troops.

We have heard that an agent of the Executive is now in the East, contracting for half a million or a million more of army goods, to be paid for by depreciated State paper—contractors, of course, charging for the depreciation.

If the exigencies of the government are such as to demand of Illinois any further sacrifice than her quota of the general burden, there would be some apology for the policy which is clung to, and our people would cheerfully bear the burthen. But there is no necessity for the Government to order one man in Illinois to continue a system of expenditure which is wearing her credit threadbare, and imposing increased taxation upon the people.

Rebel Forts on the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers.

[Public Sch. Cor. of the New York Times.]

From a number of refugees which I have met with this place, I have gathered interesting information concerning the fortifications of the rebels on the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. The only fortification on the Tennessee River, of much importance, is Fort Henry, situated near the line of Kentucky and Tennessee on the east bank of the stream. It stands in the angle between the river, the high water mark, just below a bend in the river, and at the head of a straight stretch of about two miles. It therefore commands the river for that distance down stream, and very little else. The land around it is a little higher than the fort, and a portion of it is covered with heavy timber. On the opposite side of the river are three hills commanding the fort completely. The armament of the fort consists of eight 32-pounders, four 12-pounders, and two 6-pounders. The 32 and 12-pounders are heavy guns, and the 6-pounders are rifled. My informant left Fort Henry on Thursday, the 12th inst., at which time a large lot of intrenching tools had just been brought thither to be used in fortifying the hills on the opposite side of the river.

On these new fortifications it was intended to mount three very large guns, 124-pounders, and some rumor, except the "whistling" gage of their rifles. "Drive them away!" is the word, and Lieut. Ransom, who has command of the sections of Hamilton's Battery stationed at Cairo, C. C. Lee, two of his pieces at dawning, some eighteen miles above. At Clifton, further up on the same river, a gunboat is reported fitting out, and I have heard it rumored that as many as three in all were being prepared on the waters of the Tennessee. The Memphis, Clarksville and Louisville Railroad crosses the Tennessee, as above indicated, eighteen miles above Fort Henry, on a splendid railroad bridge, with a draw for the passage of steamers.

At Dover, about a day's march from Fort Henry (westward,) is the principal fortification on the Cumberland below Clarksville. The fort is reported to stand on the low grounds near the river, and, if so, must be commanded by the surrounding hills. It was probably built principally with the view of commanding the river. It mounts twelve 32-pounders. Some 3,000 troops are reported to be at this point with some field artillery.

At Clarksville, further up on the Cumberland, are important fortifications, mounting heavy guns. I have not been able to learn the number of troops stationed there. It is reported that fortifications are contemplated, or, perhaps, being erected, at the mouth of Sycamore Creek, above Harpeth River, about half way between Clarksville and Nashville. Steps are also being taken for the erection of fortifications near Nashville; but not much has yet been done.

Serenade to Gen. Havelock at Annapolis.

Gen. Havelock, brother of the late distinguished officer of the English army, has been sojourning in Annapolis for the past few days. He was appointed some time since, Inspector of Cavalry in the United States, and visited that department in pursuance of his duties. On Tuesday night he was serenaded by the band attached to the Eleventh Pennsylvania regiment, and in response to the call of numerous citizens and visitors who accompanied the band, addressed them as follows:

Gentlemen—I am greatly obliged to you for this expression of good feeling towards me. I came among you an entire stranger; as an Englishman, though with a heart warmly enlisted in your behalf. As inspector of Cavalry in this Department I have seen but little, but that little has been of service; I have never seen. In regard to your whole army, I must say I have never seen its superior. Both officers and men, for drilling, and with each material you are bound to be successful. I wish I had the means of leading one as strong, as I am satisfied that they would be led to victory.

As an English citizen, I can assure you that the people of England are warmly enlisted in your cause, and earnestly wish success to perish from your banners. He paid a glowing tribute to his brother, who, he said, was a *soldier*, a Christian, and a model for every true soldier to imitate; and closed with a request of thanks for the complimentary serenade.

OUR LAKE DEFENCES.

Important Official Correspondence.

The President has transmitted to the House of Representatives an interesting correspondence between the Governors of Maine and the Federal Government, in relation to the erection and improvement of our coast defences. The following letter of the Secretary of War on the subject explains the mode in which it is proposed that these fortifications on the sea coast and along the chain of lakes shall be constructed for the Government by the States:

SIR: Your communication to the President, in reply to the official note of the Secretary of State of the 14th of October, in reference to the improvement of the fortifications and erection of other defences of the loyal States, having been submitted to this Department for examination and report, I had the honor to advise you, under date of the 19th inst., that this Department would appoint a competent engineer to examine and report on the defences required within the State of Maine as the first practical step towards the attainment of the important ends in view.

In view of the importance this matter seems likely to assume, and in response to the prompt and liberal conduct of the authorities of the State of Maine, I am directed by the President to assure your Excellency of his readiness to avail himself of the means placed at his disposal by the loyal States for the purpose of hurling the ports and harbors of the seas and lakes put in a condition of complete defence. The extent of such expenditure can only be determined by the proper officers of the Government, to whom these matters must be confided. Calls will soon be made for such sums of money from the State Government as may be required to perfect such works as may be authorized. The obligation of the States to furnish all the means required to make each work of defence perfect will greatly facilitate the speedy completion of the several defensive works undertaken.

The improvements or fortifications being made by the money of the State, in the first instance advance to the General Government, in the nature of a loan for the general defence of the country at large, there is every reason to believe that Congress would sanction what the State shall do in the premises, and provide prudence and liberality on the part of the General Government, and for the reimbursement of the money within a reasonable period.

The prompt suggestions of the President, as contained in the official note of the Secretary of State, by the Governor of Maine, has given new proof of the loyalty and patriotism of its people, whose liberal contributions of patriotic men and money has already afforded much satisfaction to the President and to this department. The necessary plans, estimates and specifications, necessary plans, estimates and specifications, will be seasonably laid before your Excellency in time for such legislative action as may be required, on the receipt of official information that means are provided, on the terms above indicated, to carry into execution the object stated, the prosecution of the system of defence for your State will be vigorously carried forward by the proper agents of officers of the Government.

SIMON CAMERON, Secretary of War.

His EXCELLENCY, the Governor of the State of Maine.

The Irish Element Rampant.

The prospect of a war with England has waked up the Irish element pretty thoroughly. Public meetings in Dublin have dared the British Lion to "come on;" and in this country the movement has already begun for an organization of the Irish against the time when they will be on opportunity to strike. The Philadelphia *Inquirer* speaks of a secret order in that city, called the "Ancient Order of Hibernians," which issued an address, from which we quote:

Arise! men of Ireland, throw off the shackles of the tyrant, buckle on your gilded armor, like the Spartans of old, and redeem the pledge of your origin. Remember the battle of Angrahm, the bloody plains of Clontarf, and the seige of Limerick; remember also the dying aspiration of Robert Emmet, and the last words of Patrick Sarsfield, enshrined in the dazzling memories of the past, in all their mixed pride and horror. The present necessity of the hour, and the bright hopes of an approaching future, cannot fail to inspire you to a prompt, vigorous and united action. Justice to your native and adopted country demands it. Justice to your God, to yourselves and to humanity demands it. Justice to a hundred thousand crimsoned graves of your ancestors demands it.

Arouse you, Spartans of the Ancient Order, and embrace the golden opportunity which God intended and humanity desired; behold the glimmering light of liberty, as it breaks through the long years of darkness and desolation. You hear the lion's roar in the distance—it is the warning of his approach to destroy our hated enemy. Prepare to your brightest inheritance of posterity. Sleep no more—the dream is past—the hour is come, so long prayed for and desired—the destiny of England is sealed, and the hope of Ireland brightens in the horizon.

For centuries your country lies a bleeding victim at the feet of the grim tyrant, who, not satisfied with the slaughter by the gibbit and the scaffold, and a hundred thousand cold, pale and emaciated victims of starvation, still growls with an angry passion at our adopted country, and threatens the destruction of the liberty we enjoy.

If she should dare to tamper with the rights of this republic, the Irish element, not only here but throughout the world, will write the history of their bravery in letters of blood at the point of the sword. To be prepared for such an event, it is the duty of all organizations to resume immediately, and take prompt action suitable to the aspect of affairs. We augur that the time is short, and that a longer delay would be detrimental to Ireland and America, while it would encourage the incensed attitude of the enemy—regarded with apathetic. There are thousands in our midst sleeping in lethargy and insensible of the approaching storm upon the head of Ireland's children, whose duty it is to set the ball in motion.

Col. Smith of the 16th Illinois.

The Leavenworth *Conservative* and other papers in Kansas having animadverted somewhat severely upon Col. Robert F. Smith of the 16th Illinois, commandant at St. Joseph, for an alleged lack of energy in crushing the rebellion in those parts, a gentleman furnishes a vindication of the Colonel, as follows:

"There is now at St. Joseph when all together, a force of 3,000 men, which for any contingency that is likely to occur, Col. Smith of the 16th Illinois has command of the post, and in justice to him so far as we could observe on the course of our country is not suffering at his hand, as is slanderously and injuriously reported. I make these statements because I have been there myself and know I think the cause of our country requires that the hands of her officers should be strengthened in the discharge of their duty. I do know that the story of crushing out rebellion is now being vigorously prosecuted. Every day brings with it retribution in some way or other to secession. While Gen. Prentiss advances eutes with vigor in Platte, Clay and Ray counties—Col. Smith's scouts operate in Andrew, DeKalb and Gentry.

"Many of them, particularly those who have been with Price, are sick and sorry. Yet we would not conceal the fact that not much change is perceptible among the masses. Their hatred is a cruel hatred which they have against free state men.

"A day or two since a party of Col. Crawford's men brought in 14 prisoners, having shot one who attempted to escape. Upon their arrival a Missouri soldier observed among them one whom he saw at the battle of Lexington. He stepped up to the prisoner and offered him his hand—expressed his pleasure at seeing a Missourian who had fought as he had been at Lexington. Such cool compliments were not particularly satisfactory under these circumstances, and he refused the proffered hand and disdainfully turned away."

The Rebels at Port Royal Ferry.

[Hilton Head (Correspondence (10th) N. Y. Times.]

The enemy seems anxious to make a stand at Port Royal Ferry. On either side of the river at that point is a long causeway, built over the marshes, which stretch from both shores. The other morning it was discovered that the rebels had busied themselves during the night in erecting a barricade, which, by a little license, might be termed a *fete-de-joyeux*, behind which our glasses revealed them, peering at us, ready to take a shot should any of our men, expose themselves within range of their rifles. "Drive them away!" is the word, and Lieut. Ransom, who has command of the sections of Hamilton's Battery stationed at Cairo, C. C. Lee, two of his pieces at dawning, and planted two Parrott shells directly in the centre of the work. A letter-skelter flight followed, and under the supposition that the fugitives had taken refuge in a building some distance in the rear, Lieut. Ransom aimed a few shells at that. He was afterwards informed by a negro who came into our lines that the rebel Colonel was wounded. We must give the enemy credit for tenacity of purpose, however, for he returned to his barricade-making as soon as our firing ceased. Of course he was again dislodged, but he again returned as quickly as before. So battery withdrew. It has been ever since, the rebels and the battery alternately working in their different ways; and so it is likely to be, until our men at the ferry shall have been reinforced.

SAD OCCURRENCE.—As the schooner Peoria was outward bound on the morning of yesterday, from this port, either intentionally or from some unaccountable reason, she struck a fish boat, in which were four men engaged in taking in their nets. The boat was instantly shattered into fragments and three of the number were drowned, the fourth barely escaping by clinging desperately to a piece of the wreck that floated within his reach. The deceased were very worthy, industrious young men, Hollanders, of whom our village was suddenly and sadly deprived. What excuse can be rendered by those who had charge of the vessel, for this lamentable disaster, it is impossible to conceive.

A telegraphic dispatch, we understand, was immediately sent to Chicago for the arrest of the crew or captain of the vessel on their arrival there. In the meantime Sheriff Pratt started in pursuit of them, by the way of Milwaukee.—*Grand Haven News.*

CHARLES ANDERSON.—Some of the circumstances attending the escape from Texas of Charles Anderson (brother of Gen. A. of Sumter fame) are already known to the public. He was the owner of a large, well-stocked ranche, and had all the ordinary attachments of friendship and locality; but rather than repudiate his allegiance to the Union, voluntarily sacrificed all—preferring to suffer imprisonment and bitter deprivation than compromise his sense of personal honor and the obligations of Constitutional Government. But at length, through the intrepidity and sagacity of a noble-hearted woman of San Antonio—though several times foiled in his own plans for this purpose—he effected his escape to Mexico, meeting his wife at Vera Cruz by an extraordinary coincidence,) and from thence obtained a passage here.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1861.

THE CITY.

No Paper.

To day being Christmas, no paper will be issued from this office this evening and to-morrow morning. The TRIBUNE, however, will appear to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Evening Tribune.

The afternoon edition of the TRIBUNE went off like hot cakes yesterday. The public were delighted to get it. It was just the thing every body wanted. No expense or pains will be spared to make it acceptable to the reading public. Each day's experience will render it more estimable without detracting from the value of the regular morning issue of the TRIBUNE.

☞ See advertisement of Cottage and Furniture for sale or rent.

No Session.—There will be no session of the Board of Trade to-day.

The Post Office.—The Post office opens at the usual time to-day and closes at 10 A. M.

☞ See advertisement of portable engine wanted.

Personal.—Hon. Owen Lovejoy passed through the city yesterday, on his way to Princeton.

☞ The usual weekly report of the Sanitary Commission will be found upon the third page of this issue.

☞ We desire an interview with the writer of a communication sent to us signed "Methodist." He will confer a favor upon us by calling at this office to-morrow.

Arrival of Boys.—Rev. Mr. Allen, a Five Points' missionary, will arrive in this city to-day having in charge forty boys who are on their way to rural homes in the interior of this State.

Christmas Party.—Messrs. Gage Bros. & Drake gave their usual Christmas party last evening for the servants of the "Tremont." It was a very pleasant occasion, as those parties always are.

Held for Trial.—Andrew Brennan, the young man who was arrested for the larceny of Mrs. Dr. Bloodgood's watch and chain, has been held for trial in the Recorder's Court. Brennan is a single man, and was formerly a waiter at the Adams House.

Christmas Festival and Entertainment.—A Sunday School Festival and Entertainment will be held at the Methodist Church in Bridgeport, this afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Eddy, of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, and others, will address the children. All are invited to attend.

☞ Dr. Wardner, Surgeon of the 12th Illinois regiment, located at Paducah, is now in this city and will return to his regiment on Friday. Persons wishing to send any articles to their friends in the regiment, will have them conveyed by Dr. Wardner, if left at this office previous to Friday.

Second Night of J. S. Rarey.—Mr. Rarey, the horse-tamer, who was so successful on the occasion of his first appearance in this city, at Bryan Hall, on Saturday night of last week, gave his second levee last evening, to a large audience. His experiments with the horses produced for the purpose were entirely satisfactory. He appears for the last time this evening.

Chicago Bible Society.—The annual anniversary of the Chicago Bible Society will be held on Thursday evening next, Dec. 26th, at Trinity Church, services commencing at 7½ A. M. The annual meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business will be held in the lecture room of the Second Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 31st, at 7½ P. M.

Sabbath School Exhibition.—A grand Sabbath School exhibition will take place to-morrow evening, commencing at half past seven o'clock, at the Desplaines Street M. E. Church, between Van Buren and Harrison streets. The room will be decorated with patriotic and other appropriate emblems and mottoes. The price of admission has been fixed at twenty-five cents; children, five cents.

Sudden Death.—J. J. O'Shaughnessy, the well known engraver of No. 40 Dearborn street, died very suddenly yesterday at his residence on Calumet avenue. Only an hour before his death he was out in apparently perfect health. The deceased has been a resident of this city for ten or twelve years past, and was well known in all matters pertaining to his art, in which he excelled.

Multum in Parvo.—Tom Thumb, whose miniature equipage has been attracting so much attention for the past few days, will give one of his characteristic soirees this afternoon and evening at Kingsbury Hall. His comic entertainments thus far have been attended by immense audiences and without doubt, hundreds of little ones will pay their respects to him today.

The Hinckley Opera Troupe.—The first concert of this troupe will be given at Bryan Hall on Thursday night. The sale of tickets commenced this' morning and more than met the expectations of the managers. The excellence of the programme, which will be found in our advertising columns, and the certainty of hearing much good music joined with the curiosity to hear Hinckley will doubtless fill Bryan Hall to overflowing.

The Kane Arctic Panorama.—The managers of this panorama have secured Bryan's tower hall, and will exhibit these *Arctic sketches every* evening this week. "Miyouk" will also be in attendance, and will probably favor the audience with a specimen of his vocal powers each evening. This panorama is eminently worthy of patronage, both from the truthfulness of its delineations and its merits as an artistic painting.

McVicker's Theatre—Christmas Night.—McVicker advertises an excellent entertainment for Christmas night, one that cannot fail to please all. Mr. Collins will appear in two of his best characters and sings several of his popular songs. McVicker, Myers, and Miss Hosmer will appear in the excellent little comedy. "I've Written to Brown." Miss Haigh will execute two favorite dances. The evening cannot be spent more pleasantly than at McVicker's.

Christmas at North Market Hall.—Mr Allen, of the New York Five Points Mission, will arrive in this city this morning, having in his charge 40 boys, from the mission school, who are to be placed with responsible and respectable guardians in Kane county. These boys will be tendered a Christmas reception this afternoon by the North Market Hall Mission school, at the school room. Speaking, singing, and other voluntary exercises will take place. Friends of the Sunday School are invited to be present.

A Home Concert Troupe.—Mr. Payne, the organist of St. James Church and his lady; Mrs. Cassie Mattison and Mr. De Pasalo start upon a concert tour next week, singing at Joliet on Tuesday night. The musical community of that city have a great treat in store for them. Mrs. Mattison's reputation as an alto singer is second to none in the country, while Mr. De Pasalo, as a careful, thorough baritone and genuine student of music, has few if any equals in the West. Mr. and Mrs. Payne are also accomplished musicians, and it is with peculiar pleasure that we recommend our home troupe to the various localities they shall visit in future.

Heavy Robbery or Jewelry.—On Monday night of the present week, Mr. Henry Oppenheimer, of the firm of Oppenheimer & Metzger, jewelers, being about to depart from the city on a business trip, had his trunk conveyed to the Tremont House, that it might be transported to the depot by the usual baggage wagon. In the trunk he had deposited watches and jewelry estimated to be worth some $3,000. The trunk was not taken inside the hotel, but left on the steps, where such property is usually placed awaiting carriage. Mr. Oppenheimer then stepped around the corner for a few moments, and when he returned, his valuable chest had disappeared. He laid his complaint before the police, and steps were immediately taken to trace out its course of departure. The trunk was yesterday found by a drayman, in an alley between Illinois and Indiana streets, North Dearborn, near the lake, its lock broken and contents scattered on the ground. About $1,500 of the best jewelry, some gold and silver watches and gold chains, were missing. The rogues had been in such haste to clutch their prize, however, that some very superior time pieces and chains were left. The drayman communicated the finding to the police of the North Side, and officer Norton took the goods in charge, and they were reclaimed by their owners. There is no suspicion, as yet, in what manner or by whom the robbery was committed.

THE MURDERER DISCOVERED.

Identification of Whitmore.

The coroner yesterday summoned a jury to examine into the facts and hold an inquest upon the remains of John O'Neil, the soldier found dead on Wabash avenue corner of Buena Vista street, on Monday morning. J. L. Milliken was foreman of the Coroner's jury. After viewing the body, which lay at the undertaker's office, the jury returned to the Supervisor's room, where the testimony was taken:

The County Physician, Dr. Gore, testified as to the nature of the wound, substantially as we have stated it in the morning edition. Pascal Whitney, accountant with Culver, Page & Hoyne, testified as to the finding of the body, adding to the statement we have already published that there were tracks as of two persons in the snow leading from the body to Indiana avenue. Sebastian Kale, a gardener, also testified to the same fact.

Testimony of John Buckley.

I am of the Fifty-seventh Regiment; know the deceased; his name was John O'Neil, and aged about twenty-six years; did not know him until we went into camp; I saw him about dusk o'clock Sunday evening at supper in Camp Douglas; the last time I saw him alive was at eleven o'clock, that night; then we were with Pete Murry and Hugh Mooney with him at the time; they all went out of the barracks together; I saw them all go out with their overcoats on; Murray had, a black felt hat on, the rest had caps; they had a canteen; the canteen was one belonging to another company; I could not swear that was the identical one; I cannot say that any of them had a hat; I saw O'Neil next, dead, this morning; I next saw Mooney and Murray at twenty minutes past five, Monday morning (at four o'clock they were not out of the barracks), standing near the fire of the guard; I spoke to my partner, Pat Quinn, that Mooney and Murry came outside and that Mooney had his overcoat on; I suppose that they went into the barracks; I saw them breakfast; I heard that O'Neil was in the guard house and I remembered he should have his breakfast; Mooney and Murry asked if I could come ready and I said I had both it and some meat; they said they would sooner have a drink; I gave them a cup of coffee each; I asked Murry if O'Neil was in the guard house and he answered, "O'Neil is all safe;" I said I, "when did you see O'Neil?" and he, "we were in a saloon drinking, when the picket put their muskets out and asked what we were doing there so late? As I was taken O'Neil put out his head, saw the guard and turned and went out the backway." I asked Murry where was his coat? He said he thought it must be in his bunk. There was no coat there nor in the barracks; I think I would know Murry's coat; (coat shown found upon the body.) That is the coat Murry wore; I see his name upon it; I know there was a piece cut off O'Neil's coat; I cannot say that this is his; it was frequently the case that they got changed, being so much alike; Murry's coat was short having had a piece torn off it.

Testimony of James Tracey.

I belong to Capt. Swan's Company, Fifty-Seventh Regiment, at Camp Douglas; knew O'Neil; saw him last alive at camp, near eleven o'clock, Sunday night; saw Mooney and Murray there; was on a picket guard came in and informed them that he was on duty; it had been previously arranged to go out that night; they wanted me to go in; but I would not, and advised them to stop in; the three left; it was near daylight when I saw Murry and Mooney come in; the same picket was on guard again; I asked Murry, and O'Neil was dead; he said he got himself into a scrape; they had been at Wagner's saloon; O'Neil had got out by the back way and Murry and Mooney also escaped the picket guard; to the best of my belief the three had great coats on when they left the barracks; saw Murry with no overcoat on; Mooney was asleep at the time, or pretended to be; he did not get up to have his breakfast; Murry and myself went after it; got the coffee and not Murry and Mooney as stated by the last witness. The coat here is Murry's coat.

The following statement of Peter Murry, one of the prisoners, was then taken down:

Statement of Peter Murray.

I had known the deceased about three years; we had been together all day last Sunday; we were partners, and were generally together; Sunday night we had determined to come into town for the purpose of getting a spree a little; we broke for his coat, and took the first one he came across; we both had coats; after getting out we tried to get a drink, but the saloons were closed, and could not, but did get into a saloon down further toward the city; we filled our canteens; we started for the door and the Canada picket guard; they halted me, but let us go; after I had got a short distance I heard a general shout "Come and take this man." I then remarked to Mooney, "That was meant for us," and we ran down town as fast as we could; since then the deceased O'Neil was not with us; after leaving the saloon Mooney and I went together into the camp; we both had our overcoats on; we went back to camp; the coat now shown to me is my coat; I do not know who wore it; have not seen O'Neil since I left the saloon, when the picket stopped us on Sunday night; Mooney was with me all the time.

At this stage of the proceedings a statement of the other prisoner was read in the presence of the jury. He didn't put proof of his guilt therein contained struck him with crushing force, and he was taken back to the jail without uttering a word and very much overcome. The following is the statement:

Statement of Hugh Mooney.

O'Neil, Murray and myself left Camp Douglas together, about 9 or 11 o'clock on Sunday night, but could not get into the grocery we went to; we then walked some distance and saw a light where people were; came in; it was a grocery where we went in and got 36 or 40 cents worth of whisky; then came out and met the picket guard of the Lead Mine Regiment; they said they would have been looking for some of their own men and did not take us for prisoners; then all went together toward the camp; coming along, I saw O'Neil fall; Murry was with him; I ran up and found O'Neil bleeding at the head; I supposed they were fooling; I spoke to O'Neil, and asked him if he was hurt; I did not hear him answer; I think he could not speak; I then picked up; then went toward camp and met Murry on the first corner; he was coming in a different direction into camp together; he did not tell me the cause of O'Neil's death; I was a rod behind O'Neil and Murry when I saw O'Neil fall; Murry tried to raise O'Neil upon his feet, but he fell; Murry said, "I must keep the matter still;" I first saw Murry with his coat under O'Neil's head; Murry was close by when I asked O'Neil if he was hurt, and said nothing.

The testimony having been concluded, the jury retired and in a few moments brought in the following

Verdict.

We, the jury, find that John O'Neil came to his death on the night of Sunday, the 22d of December, A. D. 1861, on Buena Vista street, in the city of Chicago, by wounds inflicted with a knife, or some other sharp instrument, in the hands of Peter Murry.

Murry has been committed to jail upon the Coroner's warrant to await trial for murder. Mooney was recognized in a proper sum to appear as a witness.

The Military Condition of Camp Douglas.

The work of reorganizing and consolidating the regiments at Camp Douglas is now finished. The absence of irregular squads of men and the consequent displacement of hangers-on will redound to an improvement in the moral status of the camp. Never was work more needed, and now that it has been so well accomplished, we shall look with certainty for a more thorough and stringent discipline, from the fact that hereafter each officer will be held strictly accountable for the condition of his regiment. The following are the forces now at camp, under the new organization:

9th Cavalry, Col. Brackett.
12th Cavalry, Col. Voss, rapidly filling up.
13th Cavalry, Col. Bell, including Lieut. Col. Hartmann's dragoons and the cavalry companies formerly attached to the 51st and 58th regiments.
51st regiment, infantry, Col. Cummings.
56th and 57th regiments, consolidated under Col. Baldwin.
Yates Rifles and 58th regiment, consolidated under Col. Lynch.
Rock Island regiment, consolidated with the 45th or Washburne Lead Mine regiment, under Col. J. E. Smith.
Irish Brigade, 23d regiment, under Col. Mulligan.
Capt. Waterhouse's battery attached to 1st regiment Illinois Artillery.
Capt. Bouton's and Capt. Dolton's batteries not yet assigned

Crushing Out.

The *Times* says that the object the TRIBUNE has in publishing its evening edition is "to crush out the *Journal*." The latter says it is for the purpose of getting the letter-list advertising. While our neighbors are settling this great question between themselves, we will take the liberty to define our position. The evening edition of the TRIBUNE will be published to oblige the reading public, and supply a want long felt by the people of Chicago and the Northwest. There is room and verge enough for the EVENING TRIBUNE without "crushing out the *Journal*" or "any other man." By the way, the *Times* was the first to announce that it intended to issue an evening addition, and this morning it announces another evening edition forthcoming. Who does it propose to "crush out" thereby?

Chicago Light Guard.—We are happy to find that this favorite corps has been thoroughly reorganized and again a reality, having between forty and fifty new men, and arms and accoutrements for a larger number. A good opportunity is offered our young men to fill up the ranks to the maximum, and perfect themselves in a military school of no common character. They are officered by competent men, and their drill is most creditable to their Captain and themselves.

The following are the officers recently elected: Captain, Henry Turner; 1st Lieut., R. T. Thomas; 2d Lieut., H. H. Chapman; Orderly Sergeant, E. E. Bisbop; Secretary and Treasurer, L. H. Stevens.

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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Suit against a Secessionist.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } Superior Court.
COOK COUNTY, } Superior Court.

SIMON B. BUCKNER,

This is an action upon a writ of attachment sued out by plaintiff against defendant and garnisheeing the tenants of Kingsbury Hall. The garnishees admit that there would be due on the 9th of March next, money enough to pay the debt but claim Buckner has conveyed his interest in the property, and introduce a deed dated May 20th, 1861, from Buckner and wife to her brother, Henry W. Kingsbury, for the consideration of $100 and affection &c., and that rent to grow due is not such a debt as may be attached.

Waite & Towne for plaintiff; Morris & Thomas for defense. No decision yet rendered.

FROM NEW MEXICO.

Arrival of Maj. W. F. M. Arny, Indian Agent.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN THE WEST.

Disposition of the Indians.

Major W. F. M. Arny, Indian Agent in New Mexico, in place of Kit Carson, arrived in this city this (Tuesday) morning, on his way to Washington, as bearer of despatches from Governor Connelly and Col. Canby, Commander of the Department. Major Arny left Santa Fe on the 1st of December, and made a rapid and successful journey over the Plains, avoiding the hostile Indians, and reached Lawrence, Kansas, in about two weeks after his setting out, having suffered but little from the inclemency of the weather.

Major Arny brings important news from the West. The military operations of New Mexico are now pretty formerly under the guidance of Col. Canby, who is the head of that Department. He has about 5,000 troops, regulars and volunteers, and with detachments of these he has lately taken Fort Craig and Fort Stanton, which were surrendered without a struggle to the secession forces. He was organizing an expedition against Fort Fillmore, which was so disgracefully surrendered by Colonel Lynde of our army, and no doubt was entertained of his ability to carry it. From Fort Fillmore he would send a strong force into Arizona where a considerable body of Texans are inciting the Indians to hostilities, and otherwise doing mischief; these he will drive out and await events.

The Indians of New Mexico, except the Southern Apaches, were cordially supporting the Government, and declaring their intention to fight wherever and whenever their Great Father (our Uncle Abe) commanded them. That tribe of the Apaches had been attacked by the Confederates, and now are the declared enemies of all white men without reference to their politics. The Indians on the plains have been corrupted chiefly by the acts of the Southern Commissioners who have been among them, and parts of each tribe were about to enter the rebel service. Maj. Arny thinks much careful negotiation and not a little bold fighting will be required to keep the Santa Fe road open.

We are glad to say that in spite of all the lies and intrigues of the secessionists, the people of New Mexico have settled down into steady loyalty to the Government and are offering their services as volunteers for its defence. They have not arrived at their present determination without great trouble occasioned by the unfaithfulness of the most of the civil officers of the last Administration and the officers of the army stationed in the Territory. We need not say what their tactics were, nor how grossly they lied; because, since Mr. Lincoln's appointees got to their posts, the intrigues of the enemy have been neutralized, and their falsehoods exposed. In this good work Kit Carson has been conspicuous. He is now at Albuquerque in command of a regiment of volunteers—one of the mainstays of the territorial government.

Major Arny, as his old friends in Illinois will be glad to hear, is satisfied with his new situation and pleased with the country. He is stationed about 170 miles northeast of Santa Fe and fifty from Taos, in a rich valley near the tribes with which he has to deal. His headquarters are on a ranche (farm) forty miles square, owned and occupied by an old Illinoisan who has been thirty years on the frontier. Major A. leaves for Washington without delay.

Tremont House.—New Year call, wedding and visiting cards and splendid Monograms, for presents. Ladies call in parlors for "Yankee Card Writer." dec25-4t

Diphtheria and Neuralgia.—*Those terrible diseases* can be cured by using "*Hamlin's Virgin Oil.*" Sold by Smith & Dwyer, Sayford, Harral, Kinsley & Kitchen, are retail agents. Fuller & Finch, wholesale agents. 120 Randolph street is the general depot. Every bottle is warranted to cure. dec25-6t

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☞ For Holiday Presents go to J. A. Colby, Agent, 118 Randolph st. He is selling off the entire stock of books and jewelry, at war prices. What the book stores sell for $1.00, I sell for 50c, $1.25 and $1.50 books for 62½ and 75 cents, and all other goods at a corresponding reduction. Now is your time to buy your Holiday presents at half price. Such an opportunity as the unfortunate circumstances which render this sale necessary can never be expected to occur again. dec 11-3w

☞ Cook & McLean, 98 Dearborn street, have made their price for cleaning and dying Gents' garments less than any other house in the city. dec26-1p

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Jemima:—Your favor received: Our advice is to purchase him a nice Kerosene Lamp for Christmas. It is a memento constantly before one. You will find an endless variety at Noble's Lamp and Oil Emporium, 178 Lake street. dec17-6t

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Artillery.

Twenty more good men wanted for Boston's Artillery Company. This company is rapidly filling up and we would advise all persons wishing to join this favorite arm of the service to apply at once to recruiting office in W. T. Dibble's cigar store under Sherman House. dec17-1w

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

—St. James Church will be open for appropriate religious services on Christmas Day at 10:45 A. M.

—Church of the Ascension. Services will be appropriate Christmas services held in this church this morning at 10½ A. M.

—There will be religious services to-day in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Clark and Washington streets, in which all the Methodist pastors in the city will participate. Sermon at 10½ by Rev. R. Stone.

MARRIED.

In this city, Dec. 23d, 1861, by Rev. R. Stone, Mr. ALONZO R. JONES and Miss JULIA GODFREY, both of De Pere, Wisconsin.

At Ithaca, New York, on Thursday, Dec. 19th, by the Rev. David Torrey, CHARLES D. HAMILL of Chicago, and SUSAN P., eldest daughter of Hon. Henry T. Wheeler, of the former place.

DIED.

Near Kewanee, Ill., at the residence of her son, Isaac L. Dana, Dec. 19th, 1861, Mrs. DAVID DANA, formerly of Peacham, Vt., aged 76 years.

In this city, on Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, JOHN JOSEPH O'SHAUGHNESSY, aged 42 years.

The remains will be conveyed from his late residence on Calumet avenue, south of St. Agatha's Academy, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

SHIP BUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRING.

The undersigned, recently Proprietor of the well known shipyard at Milwaukee, have permanently located himself at this point, in the city of Chicago, and is now ready to execute orders for Vessel Building and Repairing, on terms satisfactory to those who may favor him with their patronage, or a liberal share of the public favor.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 24, 1861.

The money market this week has found accumulations of all kinds have maintained their accustomed easy position during the past few days. The banks have an abundance of money. The products of the West have not been marketed to any considerable extent, and it seems but confidence in the future, to rest the wheels of commerce in active motion. The uncertainties that have surrounded our foreign relations, in effecting the amount of money almost every man is likely to have in his pocket. That uncertainty is felt more sensibly now than it would be three months after a war with England had been in actual operation. Capital would then adjust itself to the real facts, which seldom, if ever realize the fears of the business public.

Much interest is excited by the circulation of a pamphlet explanatory of Secretary Chase's system of finance, the arrangement and details being to show that by its adoption not only would the strength of the Union be increased, but the country rendered entirely independent of foreign capital.

The consolidated statement of the fourteen branches of the State Bank of Iowa, on Dec. 3, gave footings as follows:

Assets.—Safety fund, $205,190.80; specie, $722.-663.85; notes of other specie paying banks, $477.-645; due from specie paying banks and bankers, $184,660.53; loans and discounts, $1,007,776.40; other items, $211,495.16.

Liabilities.—Capital $730,350; circulation $1,385.-297; due other banks and bankers, $30,368.97; deposiors, $760,200.05; other items, $50,065.60.

The demand for exchange to-day has not been especially pressing. Most of the large banks supplied customers freely at ¼ per cent. premium, a few of them with the brokers charged ½. The buying price was par @ ¼ and the smaller houses perhaps paid ¼.

Gold—The holders of gold were firmer in their views. The leading banks sold sparingly to customers at ¼, and sales to outsiders were made at ¼@¾ premium. The brokers charged ¾@1¼. There was no general demand among the people, but holders seem disposed to provide against contingencies.

The Fasting Process.—For the thousandth time perhaps we warn our readers against the pasting process. Operators in this department seem just now to be specially active. To-day we saw a one dollar bill on the State Bank of Iowa, altered to a ten. It was so well done that it was taken by a clerk who handles a great deal of money. The ones have a single figure in the centre as a vignette. The tens are entirely different.

New York Stock Market—The following are the quotations of the Stock Market this day:

	1st board.	2d board.
New York Central R. R. stock	76¾	
Erie	43¾	44
Rock Island	45¾	46
Burlington and Quincy	54	
Michigan Southern (preferred)	58¼	58¾
Michigan Southern (common)	17¾	17¾
Tennessee 6 per cent. bonds	41¾	41¾
Missouri 6s	39¾	40
Virginia 6s	47	47

Market, first board dull; second board weak.

Earnings of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company—For the week ending December 22d:

	1860.	1861.
Freight	$31,907.09	$31,826.81 Inc. $42,926.32
Passengers	8,608.51	8,899.31 Inc. 1,290.80
Mails, &c	1,000.00	1,000.00
	$40,600.87	$41,026.81 Inc. $43,438.94

Milwaukee.—We quote from the *Sentinel* of this morning:

The only perceptible change in the money market yesterday was a greater scarcity of currency-like banks have all suspended specie payments except on very short Eastern paper. This will doubtless be the rule until after the banks have made their annual reports to the Comptroller on the first Monday of January. Money is always close for a week or two preceding the semi-annual statements, and now that our currency has been reduced to a specie basis, our city and country banks have more than the ordinary reasons for declining to make a good exhibit. Exchange is firm to all who want it at 1 per cent. premium for currency, and ¼ of one per cent. for coin. There is a heavy demand for either, at one charge or gold. The latter is sold at 1, 1¼ and 1½ per cent. premium, the banks supplying customers at the latter rate. Gold is the favorite thing in the outside rate for retail lots. For sight exchange gold can be had at par.

Cincinnati.—The *Gazette* of the 24th says:

In the money market, owing to the continued excess of capital as compared with the demand, and the very high standard of credit that has been observed by the mercantile class, it is impossible to negotiating acceptable paper, at the rates heretofore current—10@12 per cent.

The exchanges of limited business only was transacted at par buying and ¼ pren. selling. There was a fair demand for gold, which ruled firm at ¾@1 premium. There were no sellers at ½, and some of the houses did not care to do any business on this line. Exchange on the Eastern cities, New York at present, to accommodate timid people, is manifested by our bankers, but at the same time those who are in the habit of buying at the current high rates experience no difficulty in purchasing the latest.

St. Louis.—The *Democrat* of Tuesday says:

There was nothing new in the money market today, and rates of gold and exchange open dull, at the prices of Saturday—8@10 per cent. premium for gold, and ¼ per cent. for exchange. Treasury notes are in demand at ½ to 1 per cent. below gold, and 2 per cent. above currency. Drafts on New York are scarce, more than nominal, however, and the demand limited to a very small compass. Sterling is in good demand at 9@9½ premium. Business in which money is freely used, generally dull.

New York Banks and the National Loan.—The *World* of the 23d says:

The Secretary of the Treasury has made a further call for $7,000,000, to be paid on the 30th inst., on account of the six per cent. bonds now on hand. Of this amount he has already received $3,500,000, on account of the six per cent. bonds of 1881. The receipts of gold from the interior have been liberal at the following dates:

Dec. 16	$1,000,000
" 17	1,000,000
" 18	1,000,000
" 19	1,000,000
" 20	1,000,000
" 21	1,000,000
" 23	1,000,000
" 24	1,000,000
Total	$8,000,000

The New York banks have subscribed for $10,000,000 of the six per cent. bonds, and are now leaving the amount due to Government by the New York banks $81,500,000, composed of $3,500,000 to the Treasury, $17,000,000 of October 15, and $21,000,000 of the six per cent. bond loan. The New York banks have been relieved of the public subscription of $36,915,000 for the $55,000,000 loan of August 19. The amount now held by New York and Philadelphia subscribed for three loans, amounting in $43,783,478, on which they will have paid on Monday $10,000,000, leaving due the Government by all the banks only $33,000,000, while the specie reserve of the banks in the three cities will be $70,000,000, against $65,000,000, at the corresponding period of last year. The position of the banks is stronger than it was at the corresponding period of last year since their statements were published, and if they do suspend specie payments they will only be doing what is permitted by the contract and promises to their creditors, and the consequent violation of the laws of the State cannot fail to be overlooked by the legislature, inasmuch as the creditors will know that the banks possess ample specie to pay their debts honorably if they had the inclination or were to do, and their claim is good—eventually, less the premium on gold. It would make affairs extremely perplexing to the same contributors in indulgence extended to individual debtors, during the late panic, which is suggested by many parties as the proper course for the corporate debtors, called banks, to pursue, namely: the settlement of debts by not paying them till convenient or agreeable to the debtor, which is the plain definition of the banks refusing to pay specie. An indefinite extension, as regards time, of the suspension of payments principle," legalized to every debtor at will as to bank debts, would perhaps obviate the necessity of a bankrupt bill.

COMMERCIAL.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 24, 1861.

The following table show the receipts and shipments of leading articles during the past week, and since the 1st of January:

Receipts of leading articles at Chicago.

	Week end'g Dec. 21.	Since Jan. 1, 1861.
Flour, brls	42,836	1,351,317
Wheat, bu	143,995	18,093,265
Corn, bu	169,963	26,561,379
Oats, bu	96,567	1,481,946
Rye, bu	7,186	549,075
Barley, bu	18,266	449,660
Seeds, lbs	79,598	6,965,930
Provisions, lbs	2,000	361,930
Beef, brls		4,460
Pork, brls	60,397	141,349
Cut Meats, lbs	58,743	8,866,167
Lard, lbs	486,865	6,917,475
Tallow, lbs	4,410	194,676
Live Hogs, no	38,005	348,098
Dressed Hogs, no	2,000	151,054
Cattle, no	2,109	100,945
Hides, lbs	211,561	12,956,509
Wool, lbs	68,150	185,182
Lumber, ft	813,500	225,15,4,907
Shingles, no		56,265,750
Lath, no	15,000	15,057,500
Timber, ft		1,013,490
Posts, no		491,770
Pickets, no		295,500
Wood, cds	401	80,505
Staves, no		10,506,264
Salt, brls	500	434,240
Highwines, brls	1,645	80,345
Pork, pkgs		36,203
Butter, lbs	171,047	8,066,663
Dried Fruits, lbs	19,135	5,395,710
Apples, brls	409	103,670
Broom Corn, lbs	20,850	983,000
Millstuffs, lbs	266,068	11,919,360
Lead, lbs	6,670	13,476,730
Coal, tons	150	136,134

Shipments of leading articles at Chicago.

	Week end'g Dec. 21.	Since Jan. 1.
Flour, brls	33,809	1,338,548
Wheat, bu	6,457	15,900,000
Corn, bu	....	1,160,000
Oats, bu	....	1,600,440
Rye, bu	....	480,333
Barley, bu	710	197,413
Seeds, lbs	74,014	3,911,933
Potatoes, bu	....	680,320
Beef, brls	4,460	76,898
Pork, brls	4,754	118,147
Cut Meats, lbs	884,000	27,741,000
Lard, lbs	1,328,154	15,816,429
Tallow, lbs	197,088	3,627,161
Live Hogs, no	3,354	276,252
Dressed Hogs, no	42	98,127
Beef Cattle, no	394	108,402
Hides, lbs	369,406	8,010,393
Wool, lbs	6,799	1,990,690
Lumber, ft	3,697,300	167,496,600
Shingles, no	113,750	94,784,750
Lath, no	391,000	127,956,200
Timber, ft	14,000	129,705
Posts, no	4,000	598,943
Pickets, no		1,000
Staves, no		327
Bacon, no	180,000	6,149,460
Salt, brls	5,000	201,164
Highwines, brls	950	65,000
Pork, brls	2,000	14,866
Butter, lbs	309,919	8,606,578
Dried Fruit, lbs	97,701	762,709
Apples, brls	31	14,866
Broom Corn, lbs	96,500	3,861,701
Mill Stuffs, lbs		580,443
Lead, lbs	1,345	5,981,678
Coal, tons	181	42,329

The following are the receipts of leading articles for the last twenty-four hours:

Receipts for last twenty-four hours.

	Flour brls.	Wheat bu.	Corn bu.	Oats bu.	Rye bu.	Bar. bu.
G. & C. U. R. R.	428	3200	....	1000	....	245
I. C. R. R.	1,000	2,000	....	....	....	....
I. C. R. R.	908	3700	11720	497	525	....
C. & A. R. R.	1,283	2,618	2,281	140	303	510
N. W. R. R.	1,000	2,000	....	1,000	....	....
A. & S. L. R. R.	326	960	4513	....	700	....
Total	5,462	12,804	20,041	1,983	1,528	755

	L'ds'p'd	Dr'ys	Cattle	Hides	La'd	Fl'ws
	No.	No.	No.	lbs.	lbs.	Brls.
G. & C. U. R. R.	200	4	14	4000	....	....
I. R. R.	200	12	....	....	28251	....
I. C. R. R.	1,400	10	105	7262	6195	152
C. & A. R. R.	1,195	7	....	4185	19800	....
N. W. R. R.	....	14	17	2700	....	....
A. & S. L. R. R.	700	4	33	4000	....	....
Total	3,695	53	169	22,219	53,213	152

The leading markets to-day were, rather unfavorably affected under the Reuter's news; but in the absence of sales, no material change is apparent.

The receipts of Hogs were only 3,000 head, and the market was steady and firm at yesterday's quotations—with sales of about 2,500 head, at $1.40@ $2.75—the great bulk of the sales being at $2.50 and $2.60. Yesterday evening a lot of extra choice was sold at $3.00.

At the close the yards were almost bare of desirable lots, and the market was quiet—buyers having resolved to await further supplies.

The Provision market remains firm, but not very active. There is still some inquiry for Mess Pork on Canadian account; but holders are firm at $9.50, and buyers are not generally offering over $9.25. To-day, 100 brls were sold at $9.37½. Green Hams are in fair request and steady at 5c delivered. Lard is in active request, and prime is firm at 7c—with sales of 300 brls and tens at that figure.

The Flour market still very dull, owing to the uncertainty